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Date:

State of California

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Memorandum

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To:

DEPUTY DIRECTORS
DISTRICT DIRECTORS
DIVISION CHIEFS

From:

RANDELL H. IWASAKI Chief Deputy Director

Subject: Caltrans History Preservation Committee Participation

Caltrans is committed to preserving historical materials and celebrating California's rich transportation heritage. As stated in Deputy Directive 58 (DD-58), Deputy Directors and District Directors are responsible for the preservation of historical materials that are important to Caltrans. The Caltrans History Preservation Committee (CHPC) is the designated advisory body to Caltrans in preserving historical materials. This memorandum requests your continued compliance of DD-58 and support for the CHPC.

DD-58 states that Deputy Directors and District Directors appoint members of their staff to serve in a collateral and advisory role as the History Preservation Committee Representative and to assist in locating, evaluating, and preserving historical materials. It is important that each Division and District be represented on the CHPC, and that those representatives be provided the time to perform their duties accordingly. Committee participation in the past has varied from four to eight hours per month, depending on current projects and/or subcommittee involvement. The scope of support for this effort includes:

- 1. Appointing CHPC representatives and allowing time for representatives, or their delegates, to participate in CHPC meetings via videoconference and conduct CHPC business activities.
- 2. Broadcasting appropriate Division or District-wide staff announcements to identify and acquaint Caltrans staff with the appointed CHPC representatives and their contact information.
- 3. Providing the CHPC representatives with notice of and assistance in the preservation of historical materials that are included as part of the environmental mitigation associated with delivery of Caltrans projects.
- 4. Providing timely notice to the CHPC regarding materials, and access to those materials, whose historical value may not have been fully ascertained, but may be historically important.
- 5. Allowing the CHPC representative direct access to top management when necessary, in support of DD-58.

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Caltrans is required to abide by federal and State regulations concerning the preservation of significant records and materials, and as a public agency, needs to be mindful of the shared heritage with California's citizenry. Your commitment of staff time and effort will recognize the significant contributions and achievements of past, present, and future transportation employees and partners.

c: Will Kempton
Caltrans History Preservation Committee